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THANKS FOR WATCHING SOME CAMP PINING HEARTS WITH ME, STEVEN!

OF COURSE! ANY TIME, PERIDOT.

THIS NEXT ONE IS MY ABSOLUTE FAVORITE!

OH, YEAH? WHY'S THAT?

WHY?!

BECAUSE IT HAS--BY FAR--THE MOST SUPERIOR LYRICAL PERFORMANCE OF THE SEASON, IF NOT THAT WHOLE SERIES!

ARF?

THIS IS THE EPISODE WHERE PERCY SINGS ABOUT HIS FEELINGS ON STAGE FOR THE ANNUAL CAMP TALENT SHOW!

IT'S AT A POINT WHERE HE FEELS OSTRACIZED FROM THE REST OF HIS FELLOW CAMPERS DUE TO SOME UNFORTUNATE ACTIONS ON HIS PART!

BUT HE TRIES HIS BEST TO COMMUNICATE HIS CONDOLENCES AND EXPRESS HIS FEELINGS OF ISOLATION...

OH! SO, YOU LIKE IT BECAUSE YOU CAN RELATE?

PRECISELY!

AND HE COMMUNICATES HIS FEELINGS WITH THE MOST BEAUTIFUL, POETIC DESCRIPTORS...

...FEELING LIKE I'VE ALIENATED MYSELF FROM ALL MY FRIENDS ON EARTH...

BUT I JUST WANT SOMEONE

TO STAND WITH ME

AND LOOK AT THE SKYYYYY

TOGETHER...

AWW... THAT'S SO SWEET!

I KNOW RIGHT!

OH, IT'S JUST SO PERFECT! SINCERE AND RELATABLE.

OH! AND IN THE END HIS SONG REACHES HIS PEERS, AND THEY APOLOGIZE AND MAKE UP!

WHAT A NICE ENDING.

YES! THAT'S WHY IT'S IN MY TOP TEN FAVORITE CAMP PINING HEARTS EPISODES... MAYBE EVEN TOP FIVE!

WOW!

WELL... IT IS GETTING LATE.

I THINK I NEED TO HIT THE HAY.

WHAT? BUT THERE AREN'T ANY DRIED PLANT STALKS IN THE NEARBY PROXIMITY...

OH, IT'S JUST AN EXPRESSION.

I JUST MEAN I NEED TO SLEEP.

THEN WHY DON'T YOU JUST SAY THAT? FAR LESS CONFUSING.

IS IT ALRIGHT IF I WATCH A FEW MORE EPISODES?

OF COURSE!

NIGHT PERIDOT!

HAVE A PLEASANT REST CYCLE, STEVEN!

YAAAAWN!

TAP TAP

I...STARS...

HMM?

CREEAAK

I LOOK UP TO THE SKYYY...

THAT'S FULL OF STAAARS...

AWOOOOOOO!!!

MORNING, PERIDOT!

EEP! STEVEN!

HAHA, YOU REALLY LIKE THAT SONG, HUH?

YES! OF COURSE!

YOU JUST INTERRUPTED ONE OF MY PRIVATE PERFORMANCES.

WELL, DON'T LET ME INTERRUPT YOU! KEEP GOING IF YOU WANT.

VERY WELL!

ALLOW ME TO SERENADE YOU WITH MY AUDIO PROJECTOR.

I LOOK UP TO THE SKYYY...
THAT'S FULL OF STAAARS...
BUT ONE CATCHES MY EYE...
THAT SHINES ALOOONE...
IN THIS OPEN FIELD...
JUST LIKE ME...
EVEN IF I CALL OUT...
NO ONE WILL COME...
FEELING LIKE I'VE ALIENATED MYSELF...
FROM ALL MY FRIENDS ON EARTH...
BUT I JUST WANT SOMEONE...
TO STAND WITH ME...
AND LOOK AT THE SKYYYYY...
TOGETHER!

THAT WAS GREAT!

I'M GLAD YOU APPROVE OF MY VOCAL PERFORMANCE!

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT MAYBE PLAYING MUSIC WHILE YOU SING?

LIKE ON AN INSTRUMENT?

HUH?

YEAH!

YOU COULD LEARN HOW TO PLAY THE SONG AND SING ALONG TO IT ON THIS!

YOU CAN TRANSLATE THE AUDIO FROM THAT SONG TO AN ANALOG DEVICE LIKE THAT?

YEAH! I MEAN IT TAKES SOME WORK, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE!

WE JUST NEED SOMETHING TO WRITE STUFF DOWN WITH...

NOW, WE JUST TAKE THIS UP HERE.

AND NOW, IF WE WATCH THE SONG IN THE EPISODE...

OKAY, PAUSE THERE!

TWANG!

WE CAN LISTEN TO THE CHORDS THEY USE...

...AND WRITE THEM DOWN HERE!

FASCINATING...

OKAY, THESE CHORDS ARE PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD SO FAR...

ALRIGHT, PRESS PLAY!

CLICK

AAAAND PAUSE!

CLICK

OH HMMM...

LET'S SEE...

MAYBE THIS? NO...

TWANG!

MAYBE THIS?

STRUM!

NO, STILL DOESN'T QUITE SOUND RIGHT.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHICH CHORD MATCHES BEST.

HMMM...

OH!

MAYBE MY DAD WOULD KNOW WHAT CHORD IT IS!

THE... FLIGHTLESS HUMAN?

YEAH!

DOES HE REALLY HAVE THE EXPERTISE FOR THIS PROBLEM?

YEAH! HE TAUGHT ME EVERYTHING I KNOW!

REMEMBER?

OH YES...THE EXPERT ON EARTH MATTERS.

VERY WELL, LET'S SEE THIS "DAD" OF YOURS.

GREAT!

LET'S GO!

DASH!

HEY, DAD!

OH, HEY, SCHTU-BALL!

OH, AND PERIDOT, RIGHT? GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

YES...

DAD, WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH SOMETHING!

SURE THING! WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE CHORDS FOR ONE OF PERIDOT'S FAVORITE SONGS.

I'VE GOT THE TAPE HERE.

OH! WELL LET'S POP IT IN!

YEAH, IT'S THAT CHORD!

I TRIED THESE TWO, BUT NEITHER OF THEM SEEM TO MATCH IT JUST RIGHT.

HMMM...

LET ME HEAR THAT AGAIN...

HMMM...

YOU WERE REALLY CLOSE!

I THINK MAYBE IF YOU MAKE THIS SLIGHT ADJUSTMENT IT SHOULD SOUND LIKE WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.

OH! I NEVER CONSIDERED AN 11TH!

ALRIGHT, NOW LET'S FIGURE OUT THE REST OF THIS SONG!

HEY, PERIDOT, YOU WANT TO BE ON TV DUTY?

OH, UH, YES.

UNIVERSE

OKAY! I THINK THAT'S ALL OF IT.

YAY! THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP, DAD!

HERE YOU GO, PERIDOT!

YESSS!!

HUG!

SO...WHAT DO I DO WITH THIS NOW?

NOW YOU CAN PLAY CHORDS BASED ON WHAT'S WRITTEN DOWN.

HERE I'LL SHOW YOU!

HERE! I'VE GOT A SPARE GUITAR HERE YOU CAN USE!

YOU JUST PUT YOUR HANDS HERE...

AND HERE!

OKAY, SO, FOR THIS FIRST CHORD HERE...

YOU PUT YOUR FINGERS ON THESE FRETS AND THEN YOU JUST...

YES! THERE YOU GO!

WOOOOW... EARTH AUDIO TECHNOLOGY IS INCREDIBLE.

YEAH! NOW YOU JUST HAVE TO PLAY THAT CHORD AND OTHERS WHILE YOU'RE SINGING THE SONG!

STRUMMMM!!!

IF YOU START SINGING THE SONG LIKE YOU WERE IT WOULD BE LIKE...

I LOOK UP TO THE SKY...

AND YOU PLAY THE CHORD THERE.

OH!

ARGH, WHAT WERE THE CORRECT POSITIONS FOR MY TOUCH STUMPS ON THIS DEVICE?

JUST LIKE THIS.

NEXT, "THAT'S FULL OF STARS" THAT'S TWO DIFFERENT CHORDS.

SO NOW YOU PUT YOUR FINGERS IN THIS POSITION.

AND STRUM AGAIN!

THIS ONE IS A BIT MORE... PAINFUL.

THESE METALLIC AUDIO CHORDS ARE A BIT ABRASIVE ON MY TOUCH STUMPS.

BLONK!

OH! THAT'S NORMAL.

YOU CAN USE THIS GUITAR PICK IF YOU WANT!

MIGHT BE A LITTLE EASIER.

OKAY...

SO THIS NEXT NOTE YOU PLACE YOUR FINGERS HERE AND...

GAH!

OH, YEAH, YOU HAVE TO HOLD THE GUITAR PICK A LITTLE HARDER THAN THAT.

BLINK!

YEAH, BUT DON'T WORRY, A LOT OF BEGINNERS MAKE THAT MISTAKE.

HOW MANY MORE OF THESE "CHORDS" DO I HAVE TO LEARN FOR THIS SONG...?

WELL... WE'RE NOT EVEN HALF-WAY THROUGH YET...

WHAT?!

ARGH!

THIS IS TOO INEFFICIENT AND DIFFICULT!

WELL, THAT'S TOO BAD. BUT I GUESS I'M USED TO IT.

FRUSTRATION IS PRETTY COMMON WHEN I'M TEACHING NEW GUITAR PLAYERS.

YEAH...

I'M GONNA GO TALK TO HER.

HEY... PERIDOT?

YOU OKAY?

YES...

IT'S OKAY TO FEEL FRUSTRATED.

BUT YOU AND YOUR "DAD" CAN DO IT SO EASILY!

WELL, YEAH, BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN PLAYING FOR A LONG TIME. MY DAD, ESPECIALLY.

IF YOU SPENT TIME PRACTICING YOU'D GET BETTER, TOO.

IT'S NOT GOING TO BE AN INSTANT THING.

BUT MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE MADE THAT MORE CLEAR...

NO, IT'S FINE.

I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED THAT.

IT'S STILL JUST... ANNOYING.

WELL, IT'S UP TO YOU IF YOU WANT TO KEEP GOING.

BUT FOR NOW, MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE A BREAK.

THAT SOUNDS... OPTIMAL IN THIS SITUATION.

WE'RE GONNA HEAD HOME, DAD!

ALRIGHT! SEE YOU AROUND, BUDDY!

BOIP!

BUT I JUST WANT SOMEONE...

TO STAND WITH ME...

AND LOOK AT THE SKYYYYY...

TOGETHER!

STEVEN?

HUH? WHAT?

POKE POKE

I'D LIKE TO KEEP GOING.

HUH?

WITH THE MUSIC PRACTICING.

OH!

DO YOU THINK WE COULD SEE THIS DAD OF YOURS AGAIN?

YEAH!

DASH!

OKAY, LET'S PICK UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF...

OKAY, I THINK I'VE GOT IT...

I LOOK UP TO THE SKY...

THAT'S FULL OF STARS...

BUT ONE CATCHES MY EYE...

THAT SHINES ALONE...

JUST LIKE ME...

...AAAND THAT'S IT!

YAY!

NOW ONLY...THE WHOLE REST OF IT TO GO...

BUT YOU'VE MADE GREAT PROGRESS.

YEAH! I'M SO PROUD OF YOU PERIDOT!

I'M SURE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO LEARN THE REST OF IT.

YEAH...

YEAH! YOU'RE RIGHT!

I'M GOING TO KEEP GOING AND LEARN THE WHOLE SONG AS FAST AS I CAN!

THE END

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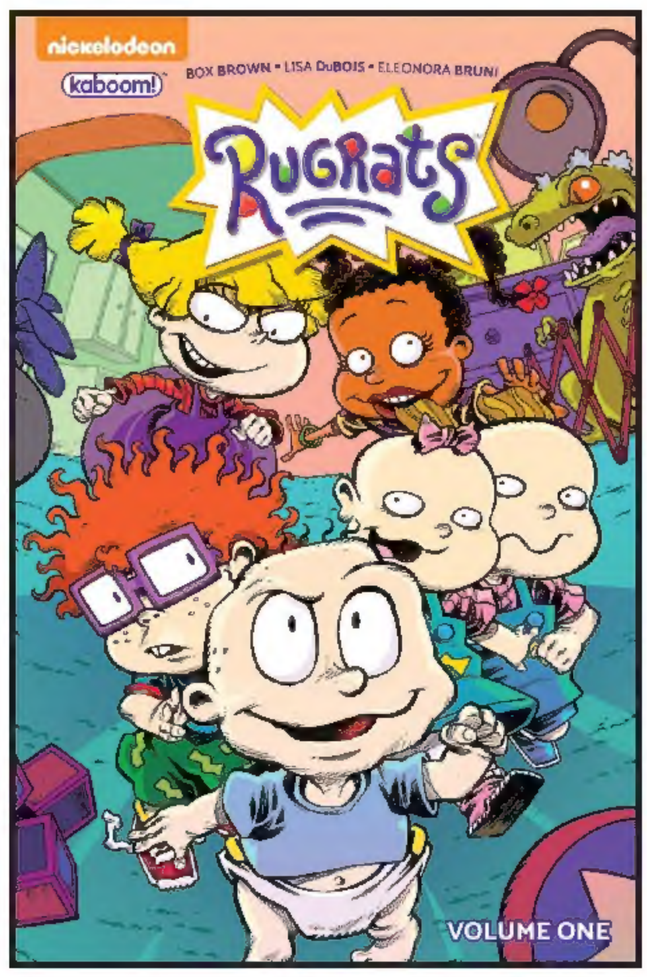

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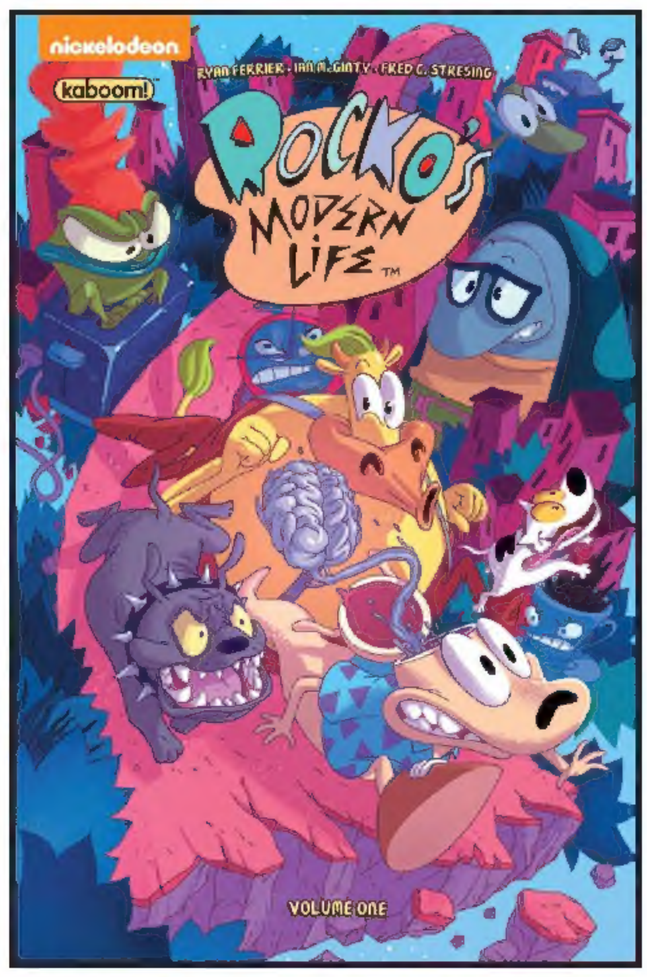

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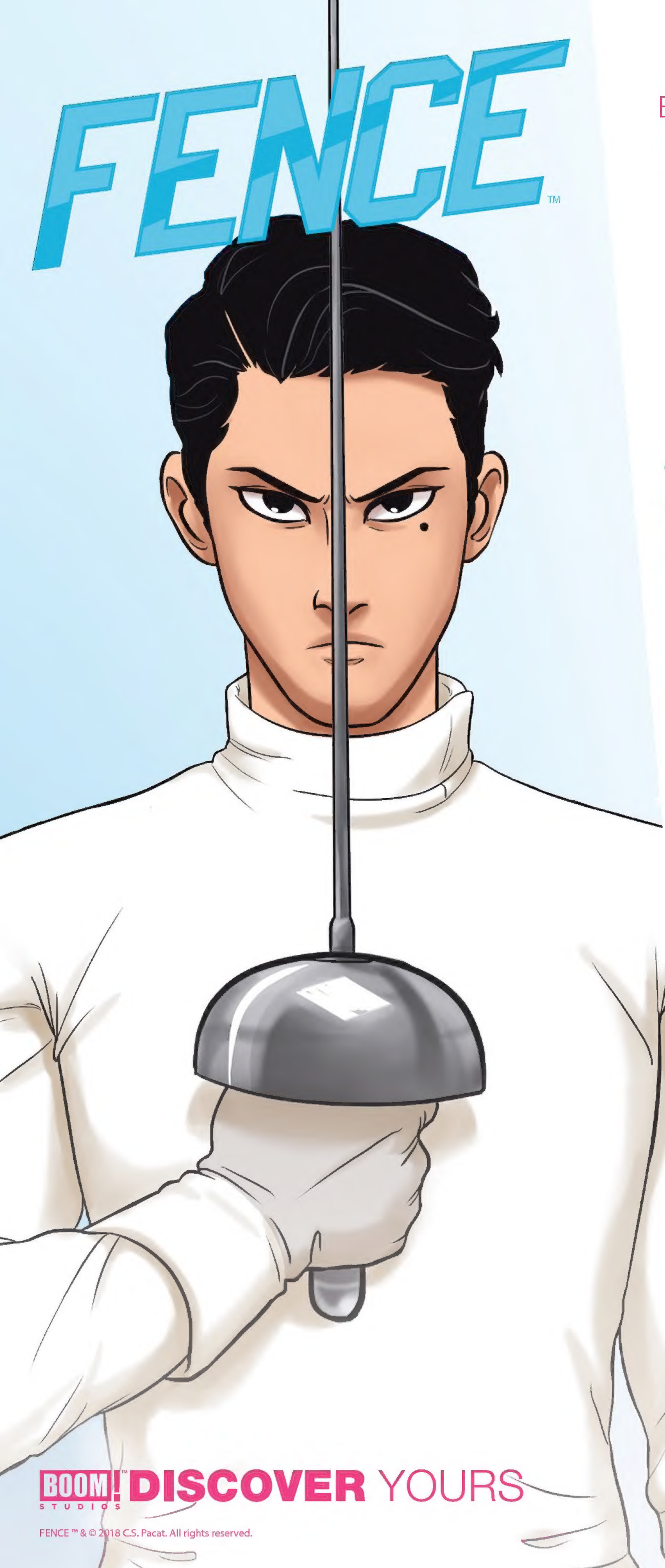

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